

## PROJECT 2: Bright star

### STATEMENT SPLURGE

Saving money on joinery left extra to splurge on statement fittings such as a sculptural Gessi Quadro Hi-Tech mixer tap from Abey, and appliances including a Baumatic convection microwave, oven and cooktop, Smeg rangehood and Kleenmaid dishwasher.

### TOP DOWN

Plasterboard bulkheads were built into the 3m-high ceiling to meet the joinery. A 15cm overhang accommodates recessed downlights.



### EILEEN MIDDLETON EMI INTERIOR DESIGN

"Because it is such a small area (12m<sup>2</sup>), I placed storage around the kitchen relative to the function performed in that space. The spice drawer is under the cooktop and the tea cupboard is above the kettle."

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## H&G kitchen renovations

### ORANGE CRUSH

A burnt orange Resolute David pendant light from Koda Lighting lifts the otherwise neutral kitchen, and provides a retro touch in keeping with the home's 1950s heritage.

### BLACK AND WHITE

"White Laminex is the most affordable joinery, but all-white can look cheap," Eileen says. "Coupling it with Burnished Wood Laminex improved the aesthetics."



**BEFORE**  
A cramped kitchen with little light.

### Budget

Appliances	\$2500
Benchtops	\$1800
Tapware	\$1000
Pendant light	\$800
Cabinetry	\$11,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>

(all prices approximate and excluding labour)

### The brief

Interior designer Eileen Middleton's own kitchen, in her house in Buderim, Queensland, was in drastic need of a makeover. It had an ugly aluminium window frame, which overlooked a sunroom with no light. Eileen ripped out the window, opening up the kitchen and creating a light, airy space.

### The verdict

"Every space in the kitchen now has a function," says Eileen. "Galley-style kitchens are great in small spaces because they promote easy circulation through the area and are also extremely workable. The sink, cooktop and fridge are all within easy reach of each other." >

### LUXE LOOK

Reflective Crema Marfil polished marble floor tiles from Marble Plus and benchtops in Caesarstone Snow ensure this kitchen gleams.

